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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MT

SUBJ: MINTOFF SPEECH TO THE NATION

1. PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE A RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS TO THE NATION TONIGHT, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 8:00 P.M. MALTA TIME. THE STATED PULSE OF HIS SPEECH WILL

BE TO ANNOUNCE VARIOUS CHANGES IN HIS CABINET AND QUOTE OTHER MATTERS OF NATIONAL INTEREST UNQUOTE.

2. CABINET CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIST LARGELY OF A RESHUFFLING OF PRESENT MINISTERS, AND THE ELEVATION OF MINISTERIAL STATUS OF TWO OR THREE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF MINTOFF'S GOVERNMENT BEFORE PRELIMINARY SKIRMISHING BEGINS FOR THE NEXT ELECTION.

3. MINTOFF IS ALSO EXPECTED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS  
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PETROLEUM PRICES AND POSSIBLE COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASES.

4. IN ADDITION, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION IN MALTA THAT MINTOFF MIGHT ALSO ANNOUNCE SIR ANTHONY MAMO'S RETIREMENT AS GOVERNOR GENERAL TONIGHT, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH, AND IT WOULD NOT BE TOO SURPRISING IF HE DOES RETIRE FOR THIS REASON. RUMORED TO BE POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR SIR ANTHONY IS DR. ANTON BUTTIGIEL, PRESENT MINSITER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, WHO ALSO SERVES AS UNOFFICIAL DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AT MINTOFF.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF MINTOFF'S SPEECH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SMITH

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